

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the instant application. Applicants have canceled, without prejudice, Claims 4-5 and 17 and have amended Claims 1 and 20. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter not currently being prosecuted.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have amended the claims as required by the restriction requirement, which the Examiner has made final. The amended claims define m as 1 or 2, Q as COOH, X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup> or X<sup>4</sup> are defined as one being N and the others are CH or C- R<sub>g</sub>, where R<sub>g</sub> is defined as C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or S(O)<sub>n</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, where the alkyl may be optionally substituted. Applicants note that the instant application describes numerous compounds on pages 10-14, with specific experimentals on pages 34-51. Additionally, the specification contains 6 generic schemes, on pages 23-30, that describe how to make compounds that are covered by the scope of the instant claims. Applicants contend that the instant application provides sufficient support to enable one with ordinary skill to make and/or use the instant invention without undue experimentation. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 18-26, as amended, are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any fees, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755. If a telephonic communication will aid in the acceptance of this amendment, please telephone Applicants' representative listed below.

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